

## Trails Assessment Working Group

### Meeting Notes

**June 10, 2004**

The fifth meeting of the Trails Assessment Working Group was convened on June 10, 2004 at 9 AM in the Gila Conference Room at TA-21 –210. Those attending were:

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Note: LANL and DOE phone numbers begin with 66 before the next 5 numbers.

### Summary of Meeting:

Dan Pava distributed a chart of proposed initial recommendations for future trails management at LANL. The chart provided a summary of issues for 15 trails and noted whether each should be kept open and maintained, rerouted and maintained, or subject to seasonal or long term closures. The chart was developed based on the information gleaned from the workshops held by the Trails Working Group in April and May. The Trails Working Group consented with the initial recommendations and agreed that the proposed initial recommendations would be studied in more detail when funding becomes available.

The Working Group used the rest of the meeting time to develop an outline for a proposed work program for LANL management funding consideration. The proposed trails management program would include preparation of an action plan to determine which recreational trails at LANL should be closed, rerouted and/or maintained. There would be outreach to LANL workers and the general public to explain what is being done and why. Proactive trail management would include designing and posting effective and helpful signs while removing others, and some high-priority maintenance, and physical closures for selected trails. This would all be done in accordance with the programmatic environmental assessment and mitigation action plan prepared in 2003 (DOE/EA-1431).

**The next meeting of the Trails Working Group will be scheduled and announced later this summer.**

The goals of the trails management program are:

- Reduce the risk of damage and injury to property, human life, and health, and sensitive natural and cultural resources from social trail use at LANL
- Facilitate the establishment of a safe, viable network of linked trails across the Pajarito Plateau that traverse land holdings of various private and government entities for recreational use and for alternate transportation purposes without posing a threat to DOE and NNSA mission support work at LANL or disrupting LANL operations.
- Maintain the security of LANL operations.
- Respect the wishes of local Pueblos to maintain access to traditional cultural properties (TCPs) by Pueblo members while also preventing unauthorized public access to adjacent Pueblo lands and other lands identified as both religious and culturally sensitive areas to Native American communities.
- Adapt trail use at LANL to changing conditions and situations in a responsive manner.